

REMARKS

Applicants have received and reviewed an Office Action dated October 16, 2007.

Applicants have amended claim 13. The amended claim finds support throughout the application. No new matter is presented.

For the reasons given below, Applicants submit that the amended claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly solicited.

35 U.S.C. 112, First Paragraph

The Examiner rejects claims 13-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, because the Examiner contends the specification, while being enabling for a method of treating skeletal muscle injuries in an animal, does not reasonably provide for enablement for a method for treating bone defects or bone fractures in an animal. Applicants traverse the rejection.

While the Applicant maintains that the subject matter of the claims as previously presented is fully enabled by the description, in order to expedite prosecution, Applicants have amended claim 13 to refer to skeletal muscles injuries. Applicants submit that as the Examiner admits that such a method is enabled, Applicants request withdrawal of the rejection.

SUMMARY

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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